

# Media Release

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## MARVELLOUS MATILDAS RETURN TO MELBOURNE

Victoria has scored another win on the international sporting calendar, with the Matildas set to return to Melbourne to face Argentina.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos announced the Alban Labor Government has secured a deal for the women's national team to play the South American powerhouse in an exhibition match at Marvel Stadium on 30 May.

The showdown pits the stars of the Matildas against South America's third highest ranked women's team, giving fans and visitors the chance to see some of the world's best footballers up close. The two teams last met in Melbourne in 2019, when the Matildas claimed a 3-0 victory to win the Cup of Nations.

Events like these build on Melbourne's standing as the sporting and major events capital, with the game adding to two British and Irish Lions matches, the Melbourne Winter Masterpieces French Impressionism exhibition at the NGV and the Rising festival as blockbuster events strengthening the State's winter calendar.

Victoria has a proud history of backing women's football, with the Labor Government delivering more than \$42 million for the Home of the Matildas at La Trobe University.

The facility is a cutting-edge training hub for the national team and its other teams including the Young Matildas, Junior Matildas and ParaMatildas.

Pre-sale tickets for the blockbuster Matildas match against Argentina will go on sale on tomorrow on Friday, 28 March 2025 at 10.00am AEDT and general public tickets available on Monday, 31 March 2025 at 4.00pm AEDT. Full ticketing information will be available via [matildas.com.au](https://matildas.com.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

*"We're thrilled to welcome the Matildas back to Melbourne and to give Victorians another opportunity to see one of the most exciting teams in world football."*

*"We're continuing to support incredible events that shine a spotlight on our city and boost jobs and the economy"*

### Quote attributable to Visit Victoria CEO Brendan McClements

*"This is an absolute must-see match for any football fan and adds to a huge calendar of events we've got lined up across Victoria."*

### Quote attributable to Football Australia CEO James Johnson

*"We are grateful to the Victorian Government and Visit Victoria for their continued championing of women's football in bringing this match to Melbourne. Their dedication to the women's game helps us continue to grow the sport and gives fans the chance to be part of the CommBank Matildas' journey."*

### Quote attributable to Matildas and Melbourne City Player Holly McNamara

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*"It's really exciting to have a series of matches coming up against Argentina. Melbourne is such a fantastic place for football, and the energy from the crowd always lifts us."*

*"Playing at home is always special and facing Argentina at Marvel Stadium will be an incredible experience. It's a great venue with an amazing atmosphere, and we know it'll be a tough but exciting match. We're really looking forward to it."*